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## *Bombing Victim's Last Words to Her Father*

# Dead Girl Did 'Her Bit' to Fight Reds

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"Somebody has to go. I want to do my bit. . . ." These were the last words of an American secretary, killed in Saigon yesterday, to her father before she left the United States.

Barbara Robbins, a secretary for the State Department was one of two Americans among the 17 persons killed in the bombing of the American Embassy in Saigon.

Her father, Buford M. Robbins, a meatcutter in a Denver supermarket, told how his 21-year-old daughter described her work in the South Vietnamese capital. She had been there about eight months.

"She died for what she believed in," Mr. Robbins said in a telephone interview. "She took the job because she was a dedicated American, very patriotic.

"She believed that as a secretary, she was doing her part as one of the U. S. team out there. She asked to be sent overseas."

Mr. Robbins went on:

"We knew the danger, but she was a grown-up girl, and we didn't stand in her way. Her last words to us (when she went to Saigon) were: 'Somebody has to go. I want to do my bit in combating the threat of communism. There is work for us out there.'"

Mr. Robbins and his wife Ruth, and their only child, 18-year-old student Warren, learned the tragic news in a telephone call from a State Department official yesterday morning.

Mr. Robbins described his daughter as quiet and bookish, but she liked an occasional gay party. She had attended Colorado State University for two years and left to join the State Department in July, 1963.

"She had a number of boy friends, but nothing serious. She wasn't engaged so far as we knew."

She was fond of sports—swimming, bowling, basketball, that sort of thing, and was a pilot.

Miss Robbins went to Saigon

in August, 1964, for a two-year term of duty. Her parents got a letter from her last week.

Her father said, "She seemed very happy, she had been away with a few friends for a week end in Bangkok. She thought it was a fascinating job in a fascinating part of the world."

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